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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/588,885	Applicant(s) MA ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 December 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Christie (EP 1109368) in view of Cave et al (2001/0005382).

Consider claim 1, Christie teaches a method for a calling party to reinitiate a call in card number service (col. 9 lines 6-18), comprising: a call controller instructing a calling gateway to detect a preset key combination in a session (col. 9 lines 19-38); when having detected the calling party dialing the key combination, the calling gateway reporting a first event message to the call controller (col. 9 lines 35-42); the call controller responding to the first event message, releasing the current call (col. 11 lines 17-22), sending an indication that the called party has hung up to a Service Control Point(SCP) (*it should be noted that this step is inherent, since it is necessary to tear down the connection when the called party hung up*), prompting and waiting for the calling party to initiate a new call via the calling gateway (see col. 11 lines 14-23).

Christie did not suggest wherein sending the indication that the called party has hung up (i.e., tear down or release message) to the SCP neglects whether the called party has actually hung up. That is, the indication message is send to the SCP when re-origination or re-initiation request is detected. However, Cave et al teach method and system for enable call re-origination

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wherein upon detecting a pound (#) key from the caller party, the call application server instruct the call control server (equivalent to the SCP) to tear down H.323 call to the termination gateway (i.e., called party gateway) (see par. 0064).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Cave et al into view of Christie in order to enhance the efficiency of the network resources.

Consider claim 2, Christie teaches the claimed features (col. 10 lines 3-16).

Consider claims 3-4 and 6-7, Christie teaches the claimed features (see paragraphs 0006, 0031, 0035-0037, 0039-0041).

Consider claim 5 and 8, Christie teaches the claimed features (col. 10 lines 3-16).

Consider claims 9-10, Christie teaches wherein, the call controller is a Service Switch Point (SSP) or a soft switch device (see paragraph 0031).

Consider claims 11-12, Christie teaches wherein, the key combination is any random combination of all the keys (see paragraph 0038).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-12 are have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

4. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Curtis Kuntz**, can be reached on **(571) 272-7499**.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the **Technology Center 2600** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-2600**.

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